

## Pathways Taskforce

August 18, 2014



- \* Taskforce created by Career Council at June 2014 meeting
- \* Composition made up from members of the Career Council and ad hoc members that have interest and expertise in the duties assigned
- Will make recommendations to Career Council for final consideration/adoption





- \* Research, review, and disseminate best practices for career counseling
  - \* Identify the appropriate role for the Career Council to play in the needs for enhanced career counseling throughout the education, job skills development, and career training system
    - \* Research and review the work currently underway by partner agencies and organizations
    - \* Identify differentiated needs (if the need exists) for <u>career</u> counselors/advisors as opposed to guidance counselors, case managers, and/or academic (course scheduling) advisors





- \* Oversee the implementation and monitor the success of completion bonus and return-to-complete higher education programs
  - \* Work with the Commission for Higher Education as it develops and implements programs
  - \* Provide insights and guidance so that programs achieve maximum utilization by Hoosier workers
    - \* How can Career Council and partner agencies/organizations support the marketing/outreach for the programs?





- \* Promote and monitor the expansion of work-and-learn programs and services
  - Identification of partners that are engaged in this work
  - Determination of effective tracking and outcome measurements
  - Determination and recommendation of additional funding that could be used for expanding work-and-learn models
    - \* What would the framework of such a state-led (and funded) program consist of?





- \* Support and champion the implementation of integrated/coordinated career pathways among Indiana's education, job skills development, and career training system
  - Develop a career pathways framework that involves all agencies and organizations that comprise the system
    - \* Allow Hoosiers to have multiple, integrated entry points to career pathways
    - \* Allow Hoosiers to receive integrated, seamless multi-agency services based upon their individual knowledge, skills, abilities, and aspirations (rather than based upon bureaucratic maze of government programs)





#### Next Steps

- \* Establish work plan for each of the primary objectives
  - Career Counseling
  - Return-to-Complete and Completion Bonus Programs
  - \* Work-and-Learn Models
- Develop common understanding of "Career Pathways"





#### Timelines

- \* Fall 2014 Legislative proposals (if any) due
  - \* Funding requests for new initiatives/programs
  - Legislative creation of state-supported programs
- Fall 2014 First Steps for Career Counseling and Career Pathways Work
  - Possible conference/gathering
- \* Winter/Early 2014 Launch of work-and-learn expansion



